Lovely Strange Dark

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"ULTRAMARINE SCHOOLDAYS"

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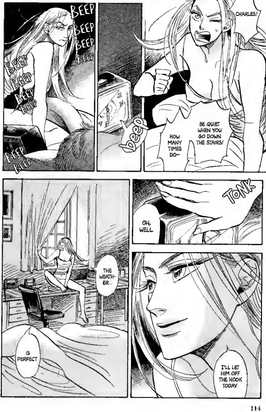
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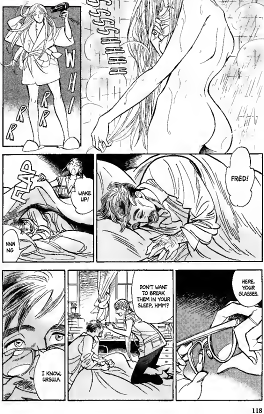

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THWACK
FSSSH
CRACKLE CRACKLE
POP
Today's breakfast...
FWEE
FWEE
Is being taken care of by Michel, the youngest.
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
The noisy one is...
is Pierre, the middle child
SWING
The first to read the paper...
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BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
beep
CHARLES!
HOW MANY TIMES DO-
BE QUIET WHEN YOU GO DOWN THE STAIRS!
TONK
OH, WELL
THE WEATHER...
IS PERFECT
I'LL LET HIM OFF THE HOOK TODAY


Rainbow Tomorrow


MORNING, MICHEL.
YAWN
MOM!
I HAVE MY PANTIES ON.
I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO WALK AROUND THE HOUSE NAKED!
MICHEL,
JUST LOOK THE OTHER WAY.
YES, MOM.
PACKED AND SENT.
A LITTLE HELP HERE, PIERRE?
ARE YOU DONE PACKING?


SOME-
THING
BURNING.
I
SMELL.
HMM?
CHARLES!
OH!
STILL
PACKING,
CHARLES?
HEAVE
IT'S ALL
MOM'S
FAULT.
NO!
ARGH!
NOPE.
HE
DOESN'T
REMEM-
BER,
HUH?
MOM
USED
TO FORGO
PANTIES.


WHIRRRR
SSSSSHHHH
FLAP
WAKE UP!
NNNNG
FRÉD!
I KNOW, URSULA.
DON'T WANT TO BREAK THEM IN YOUR SLEEP, HMM?
HERE, YOUR GLASSES.


THAT'S RIGHT!
ARE LEAVING THE NEST, EH?
TODAY'S THE DAY ALL THREE OF OUR RAMBUNCTIOUS LITTER...
I'M STARV- ING.
COULD I HAVE SOME COFFEE BEANS?
AH!
MOM, DAD.
THE FOOD IS GETTING COLD!
WHAT A FEAST.
HEH HEH.
I CAN'T WAIT TO EAT


ABOUT BREAKFAST.
I DON'T WANT YOU BOYS SKIPPING IT. A CHANGE OF LIFESTYLE IS NOT AN EXCUSE.
ESPECIALLY YOU, CHARLES.
YOU HAVE ME WORRIED.
I'M WORRIED, TOO
UNFORTUNATELY...
I'M IN CHARGE OF BREAKFAST.
AT LEAST YOU GUYS GET TO PICK THE FOOD YOU WANT TO EAT.
PIERRE, YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S A GOOD COOK, RIGHT?
DAMN, I'M JEALOUS.
MOM, CAN I HAVE ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE?
SUCK IT UP, MICHEL.
HEH HEH
YOU GOT INTO THE SCHOOL YOU WANTED, RIGHT?
HE'S NOT ACTUALLY COMPLAINING
SIGH
I'M REALLY NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DORM FOOD.
SAD.


MINE.
Charles!
Yoo-hoo!
THAT WAS QUICK
WHOSE RIDE IS THAT?
HONK
HONK
YOU CAN EAT WHILE YOU PACK!
LET ME FINISH THIS FIRST.
SHOULD WE HELP?
YEAH.
ARGH! YOU ARE SO PRE-DICTABLE!
CHARLES!
HALFWAY DONE PACK-ING, ARE YOU?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN...
NOPE.
NAG
NAG
MAYBE WE SHOULD EAT AND HELP HIM AT THE SAME TIME.
YEAH.
DO YOU NEED THIS?
WHICH ONE ARE YOU TAKING? THIS?
YOU DON'T SORT OUT THE THINGS YOU NEED AND DON'T NEED?
NO.
WHAT DID I JUST TELL YOU ABOUT NOT SKIPPING BREAKFAST?
COME HELP AFTER YOU'RE DONE.


SQUICH
HEY, PIERRE.
HELP ME CLAMP THIS DOWN
CHARLES, YOUR TRUNK IS ABOUT TO BURST
NO WORRIES.
UNLOAD SOME, WILL YOU?
HEY, MICHEL!
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UH, WHY IS IT WOBBLY?
THERE, IT'S SHUT.
WHAM
YOU'RE A MAN NOW.
DON'T FORGET TO INVITE ME TO YOUR WEDDING.
PAT
PIERRE,
SOME-ONE'S HERE FOR YOU.



PIERRE,
TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR GIRL.
SQUEEZE
I DO HAVE MY DOUBTS.
AH HA HA!
WELL, YOU SEEM PERFECTLY CONFIDENT ABOUT IT.
MOM,
THANK YOU FOR NOT BEING AGAINST IT
SMACK
OWW!
YOU'LL BE JUST FINE.



THAT WON'T DO, FRED!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING THE BOYS!
SNAP
FLASH
OOP-SIE-DAISY.
THAT'S TOO HEAVY FOR YOU, MOM.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE BIG BOYS NOW,
THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT OUR HELP!


BY THE WAY,
CAN I HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO OF US?
ISN'T THERE A LIBRARY AT YOUR SCHOOL?
I'M READING THESE ON THE ROAD.
PULL
THERE'S MORE.
YOU TAKE WAY TOO MANY PHOTOS, DAD.
FWUMP
YOU CAN HAVE AS MANY AS YOU WANT.
WHOA! THAT'S A LOT!
WOW!
SCATTER SCATTER SCATTER
WHOA!
There's lots more
HERE, TAKE THESE ONES WITH YOU. YOUR MOTHER IS BEAUTIFUL IN THEM.


WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
IF I TAKE THESE, THEY'LL BE STOLEN BY THE END OF THE DAY
Don't want
WHOA.
MAIL THIS TO PIERRE.
THAT'S FROM OUR TRIP TO THE BEACH.
THAT ME?
I REMEMBER
OH, YEAH THAT'S MOM'S COAT YOU HAD ON
MOM IS POPULAR EVERYWHERE SHE GOES.


PLUTTER
IT'S GOOD
PLUM PIE.
ABOUT THE ONLY THING MOM CAN COOK.
WHEN WAS THIS TAKEN?
BEFORE SHE GOT MARRIED TO ME.
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SHE'S LOVELY HERE.
IF YOU ASK ME, SHE'S MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL NOW.
AWW, DAD!
HEY!
TRYING TO GET OFF WORK?!

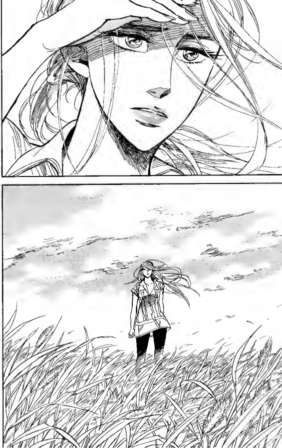

GOOD GRIEF! MAKE UP YOUR MIND, CHARLES!
THEN AGAIN, I CAN PROBABLY LIVE WITHOUT THEM.
I WONDER
OR YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO LEAVE!
AND THAT.
I THINK I'M GOING TO NEED THEM.
THAT,
THAT...
WHAT, YOU'RE STILL PACKING?
NO CHOICE, THEN, PEOPLE.
CHATTER
CHATTER
OK, EVERYBODY, CARRY ONE.
WHICH ONE ARE YOU BRINGING?
RIGHT NOW, ALL OF THESE.
YO, CHARLES.
GET YOUR ASS IN THE TRUCK.
HELLO THERE, PRETTY LADY
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HEY, CHARLES.
CHARLES!
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?
I'M NOT GOING THERE FOR FUN, GIRLS
ONCE YOU SETTLE IN, GIVE US A CALL.
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY COUSIN WHEN WE GET THERE.
SHE CAN HELP YOU AROUND THE HOUSE.
OH, THAT'LL BE GREAT THANKS



MWAH
TAKE CARE, MOM.
YOU'RE HITCHING A RIDE WITH US, RIGHT?
MICHEL!
YEAH.
COME HERE, CHARLES
I SWEAR!
YOU'RE ONE BIG PUPPY
LOOM
OH.


PAT
PAT
CHARLES...
I'M NOT ACTUALLY ALL THAT WORRIED.
ALTHOUGH I WAS SHOCKED WHEN YOU SUDDENLY DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.
AND WHEN YOU STARTED WORKING WITHOUT TELLING ME FIRST.
TURNS OUT I HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
REAL-LY?
I DO, THOUGH. I'M SCARED.
HEE HEE
WITH THAT LOOK?
YOU TRY LYING TO ME...
CHARLES, CHARLES, CHARLES


WE'RE OFF!
VRRR
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA HEE
HA HEE
HA HEE
DAMN IT!
PICK 'EM UP!
PICK 'EM UP!
WHOA!
BURST
HA
HA
HA
WE'RE OFF, PRETTY LADY!
QUIT MOVING AROUND!
ADIOS!





LOOK, FRED!
CHARLES'S BOXERS
IT'S THREAD-BARE!
AH HA HA.
LOOK WHAT I FOUND.
A LUTIN DOLL I MADE YEARS BACK!
OH!
FLASH
SNAP
SNAP
THAT SILLY BOY WANTED TO TAKE IT WITH HIM!
FLASH
HE'S KEPT IT ALL THESE YEARS.
FLASH


WHUP
I SAID, QUIT IT!
QUIT IT,
FRED!
THUD


WE'VE DONE A MIGHTY FINE JOB..
RAISING THEM, HUH?
PAT
PAT
WHA-



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